f. To meet the needs of commuters in the Capital, Government have recommended to Delhi Administration a scheme of special stage carriage permits to be given to private operators at a structure higher than that of DTC.

Collection of Central Excise and Customs duty

1491. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of central excise and customs duty collected during the current financial year upto October 31, 1991;

(b) the amount collected during the same period last yaar; and

(c) if the amount collected during the current year is lower, the details of the schemes the government propose to formulate to make up this loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) Revenue realisation from customs and central axcise duties from April to October in 1990-91 and 1991-92 ere as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	1990-91	1991-92
Customs	10,673.71	10,831.16
Excise	12,872.71	14,805.26

It may be seen from above that realisations in the current financial year upto October, 1991 are higher as compared to the collections in the same period in the previous financial year.

Impact of Devaluation of Rupee on Import of Defence Equipments

1492. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount required for the import of defence equipment for the armed forces during the current financial year;

(b) the additional burden on the exchanger towards defence equipments consequent upon the devaluation of Indian currency in relation to the currencies of other countries; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the government to meet this additional expend iture?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI *SHARAD PAWAR*): (a) *Divulging such information* would not be in the national security interest.

(b) Depreciation in the value of Indian Rupee in relation to foreign currencies has resulted in an additional liability of approx. 25% of the payment to be made for imported Defence equipments.

(c) Government has taken appropriate steps towards ensuring economy, resource optimisation, rationalisation and reprioritisation of programmes/activities to contain the expenditure within the available resources.